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TRAINING SCHOOL

Offers Religious Training

DOING EXCELLENT AN WORK

Purpose, Scope and Rapid Development of Great School Founded by Dr. James E. Shepard.

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I have been asked to say something for the public, relative to the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua, located at Durham, N. C., and managed by Dr. James E. Shepard, who first conceived the idea of such an institution. By his power of initiative, marvelous energy and supreme faith, he made it feasible and practicable, and was accordingly elected its first president. He is the human dynamo, which charges a most wonderfully perfected piece of educational machinery. It calls forth exclamations of wonder, admiration and grateful acknowledgements from men of all shades of opinion and from every section of our country, when once they behold the transformation and rejoicing made possible in the wilderness and solitary place, just out from Durham, in the short space of one year.

By the touch of his genius, this young man has given to the educational propaganda for the Negro race in this country, what might be called the "Shepherd" idea. The founder's original thought was to provide a great summer school, offering opportunity for the masses as well as the more cultured along lines of religious and theical instruction, through lectures and otherwise; somewhat after the style of Northfield or Winona Lake. For several reasons, that plan was modified and the one now in successful operation was substituted. Among these reasons might be mentioned the lack of appreciation of the utility of such training and the difficulty of securing philanthropic aid for such a novel educational venture among Negroes. The plans were changed so as to provide both a summer curriculum, capable of supplying the demands of patrons of standard schools; but the original plan of making religion the key-word, the rallying cry of the institution was not abandoned. Hence the name. Although all phases of mental, industrial and religious training are offered by the National to the applicant, it is with the uncompromising that the entire course of study is to be well seasoned with religion.

The great purpose of the founder is to generate, collect and put in motion, from the National as a center, waves of religious instruction, culture, and enthusiasm, which will touch the remotest edge of racial darkness, ignorance and superstition, and thereby secure a larger number of the lower strata, the cultural advantages of the gospel of peace and good will to all mankind.

The scope of the school is large and gives evidence of a just ambition to have it stand among the best educational institutions of our times, so it should; for it seeks to lift its patrons and all whom they may be privileged to influence, into communion and intimate association with the best that life has to offer, now and eternally. A well-rounded, intelligent graduate of this school who has rightly appreciated and appropriated its true spirit and dominating thought, may well lay claim to, as he will surely have association with the spirits of just men made perfect. Universal as well as National in design, this school offers every phase of useful training which will make better citizens and more completely fit one for effective service to his day and generation. Its motto is "I serve," and its creed, "Religious industrial and literary training must go hand in hand."

Its varied courses of study embrace theology, all kinds of Bible study and religious training for preachers, missionaries, Sunday school, Y. M. C. A. and other religious workers; training for social service workers; every variety of industrial work practical business and mechanical instruction; the various sciences both theoretical and applied; all English branches and Normal work for teachers; modern and ancient foreign languages. The school is well equipped for the work, as it employs competent instructors and draws upon the best talent available for lectures and special work. No school has been more fortunate in the personnel of its lecturers and instructors; such men as Bishops J. C. Kilgore, of the M. E. Church South, George W. Clinton, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Robert Strange, Protestant Episcopal Church, Dr. Jesse L. Hurlbert, noted Chautauqua lecturer and Biblical authority, H. Y. Chapman, celebrated pulpit orator and D. Webster Davis, and a score of others equally as prominent and of both races, North and South, are each year found at the school, gladly helping to give impetus and shape to its controlling ideal.

The growth and progress of this unique venture is one of the wonders of this marvelous twentieth century. Less than two years ago, the philanthropic and public-spirited citizens of Durham gave to the cause a tract of 26 acres of land, unimproved, barren, but admirably located for the purposes intended. Dr. Shepard moved the magic wand of faith over it, then demonstrated his faith by consecrated effort. Then out of those barren hills there sprung up, as if in a night,

four splendid buildings well adapted for the purposes intended, modern in structure and appointments, and architecturally attractive. The grounds were transformed and made a beautiful landscape, with flower beds, gardens, groves and driveways, most attractive of those seeking rest, meditation and communion with God and nature. Now, there are eight buildings, four having been added this year. Dr. Shepard, of necessity spends the most of his time traveling in the interest of this great plant in embryo. His plans are admirably executed by the vice president, Prof. C. G. O'Kelly, than whom there is no more competent and practical educator among us. Prof. O'Kelly is not one of the variety who "blows their own horn." But he is a most practical and proficient educator, who knows the work from the bottom up, and whose long experience in managing educational institutions during their formative period, has been and is of untold service in the early stages of such a masterful project, as the National promises to be.

The success of the school seems to have been assured from the beginning; and the necessity for enlargement appeared soon after the opening of the first school year. Students who matriculate in the National are not only brought under the most salutary discipline, but also under the most far-reaching altruistic influences, in addition, the environment of the school and community are all that could be desired, including electric facilities, steam heat and modern bath arrangements for personal comfort, to say nothing of the opportunities of the highest social culture.

No school it seems to me has more clearly defined, and lived up to, its purpose to make religion the basic principle of all its operations. It is altogether undenominational and draws its workers and patrons from the various denominations without reference thereto. The study and inculcation of Bible truth is its chief aim. The cultivation of college sports, the art of music, the science, business and industrial culture, professional preparation or whatever line of work one may pursue there, is thoroughly imbued with religious development, in the hope that the finished product of the school will represent the highest type of the well-rounded and thoroughly balanced man. This school is entitled to the sympathy and support of all right thinking men.

DR. L. G. JORDAN.

Just Returned from the Baptist Convention, en route for Boston, Mass.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, of the National Baptist Convention, was in the city this week, and reports the national meeting held in Pittsburg, as the very best since the organization of the National Convention.

Dr. Jordan reports that colored baptists own real estate in West, South and Central Africa, South America and the West Indies, for school and church purposes, amounting to \$40,000.



He feels that the coming year's work in all departments of the convention will surpass the year just closed, for the reason that the Baptist churches of the race and their leaders are understanding each other better, and are beginning to learn more and more the importance of combining to do the work, they have undertaken at home and abroad. This distinguished Baptist left this city Wednesday morning for Boston, Mass., where he has gone on business. He is doing a great work among the Baptists.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS PASTOR.

Zion Baptist Church Helps Rev. Mr. Howard Celebrate.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. W. J. Howard, of Zion Baptist Church, was celebrated Monday evening in connection with the celebration of the forty-seventh anniversary of the establishment of the church itself. Richard Chapman, a deacon, was ordained during the service.

A sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Brooks, D. D., of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church; prayer was by Rev. Joseph Matthews, of Bethlehem Baptist Church. After the service a reception was held for Rev. Mr. Howard. It was announced last night that the church has raised 2,000 toward the fund to purchase a site for a church building.

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DR. JAMES E. SHEPARD.
Who is Making Advanced Movements in the World of Progress.

DR. CORROTHERS.

The third of the series of sermons was delivered at Galbraith A. M. E. Z. Church Sunday night by its pastor, Rev. S. L. Corrothers, D. D. An announcement of his subject of a week ago brought one of the largest crowds that has ever graced this church, for it was packed from the pulpit to the door with every available space taken up.

The enthusiasm and spiritual life of the church have become so demonstrative that scores of white people in the community have been attracted to the services. Some joining in the services and others sending complaints to the police department, saying they are not allowed to sleep, and another has said because of the heavy crowds which attend these services he was unable to pass up or down the sidewalks.

The sermon of last Sunday evening was taken from these words: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior," which had for its subject, "The power or magnetism of the cross." These words were uttered by Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, born of humble parentage and the daughter of a farmer, and the same angel that brought the news to her of the birth of Christ had just proclaimed the birth of John the Baptist.

Continuing, he stated positively that God does so much for us; we cannot always believe it, and therefore we miss many things by not believing in God's word.

He was firm in his statement if we want power, faith and fire, we must believe in God.

The isms of now-a-days are that the fuss we make of Jesus Christ is all unnecessary, but if we hold our peace,

said the speaker, the rocks will cry out. We must play our part either in the waving of the handkerchief or the patting of the foot.

Dead religion, continued the speaker, is ruining the church in that it is making big U's and little i's, forming societies and circles in the same.

He urged that we fight the devil at all times, whether at our work, at home or abroad, for this is not a sham battle.

Concluding, said he, what will become of our friends who are sleeping around when the church of the living God shall stand before the throne to meet those who have gone before?

Prayer by Jacob Fenderson added another cloudburst, and the choir, with all its might, sang "I have loved ones in that city."

The collections were never larger than now. Sunday morning, October 1, the subject will be "The Power and effect of prayer."

Sunday night the fourth of the series of sermons will be delivered on the destruction of the false gods.

The public is cordially invited.

Dr. Shepard in the City.

Dr. James E. Shepard, of Durham, N. C., paid a flying visit to the city Monday, on special business of importance. After its completion he boarded the evening train over the Southern for his home at Durham, N. C. The National Religious Training School will open next week.

TUNNELL DEFEATED.

He Didn't Fool the Preachers—Vote Stood 26 to 6—Bruce Indorsed.

At a meeting of the colored ministers held Monday afternoon at St. Mary's Church to consider the best method to save souls, it was decided to hold a secret session to consider

the public school question. Mr. Tunnell, a member of the Board of Education, asked permission to speak on the public school. He read the same paper that he read before the Board of Education, attacking the assistant superintendent, Mr. Bruce. At the conclusion of his address, Rev. Waldron made a few remarks, supporting Mr. Tunnell's propositions, and attack on Mr. Bruce. Others addressed the secret meeting—about six in all—and at the conclusion of the speech making some one stated to Mr. Tunnell that he need not think that the ministers' meeting could be used to attack Mr. Bruce; that they all knew about it in The Bee. A vote was called for on the resolution condemning Bruce, which was lost by a vote of 26 to 6. Thus it will be seen that the colored superintendent was indorsed.

SOCIAL SETTLEMENT.

Brilliant Gathering of the Citizens. Dr. John R. Francis Presided, Asst. Attorney General Lewis Speaks. Music Played and Refreshments Served.

One of the most brilliant gatherings that has ever assembled in a public hall to ameliorate the condition of the down-trodden was in the Social Settlement building, L and Eighteenth Street, Southwest, last Friday evening. This organization is doing great work among the people in that section of the city. The lady managers are well known for their Christian work and ability to succeed. Dr. John R. Francis, who is known as one of the most honorable and upright physicians in this city, and a man who is doing all he can to improve the condition of the lowly, presided. In his opening address he stated what the Social Settlement meant, and what it was doing for the people in this section of the city in which it is located. He eloquently appealed to the people, who represented the culture of the city, to help to improve the condition of all people who are not as fortunate as they are. His appeal was no doubt effective, because at the conclusion of his address several subscribed liberally.

Auditor, Ralph W. Tyler led off by subscribing ten dollars, and many others followed. There was a full stringed orchestra present and rendered excellent music. Addresses were also made by the lady managers, Prof. Geo. W. Cook, Judge E. M. Hewitt, and others. After the speech making refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time was spent.

This, the first public meeting of the season, was most gratifying and inspiring, and gave a bright outlook for the future.

Much credit is due to Mrs. Georgia Hawkins for the interest she has always manifested, and for bringing together, with the assistance of Mrs. Roscoe Bruce, and Dr. J. R. Francis, so large a representative body.

Among some of the people present were: Dr. John R. Francis, who presided; Mr. R. W. Tyler, Dr. T. J.



Dr. John R. Francis

Jones, Mr. W. Calvin Chase, Judge E. M. Hewitt, Asst. Atty. Gen'l. William H. Lewis, Mrs. Charles W. West, Miss G. B. Maxfield, Miss Sarah Gray, Mrs. Bettie J. Francis and daughter, Miss Dorothy J. Thomas, Recorder of Deeds W. Lincoln Johnson, Editor Taylor, of the American, Mr. T. M. Dent, Mrs. Bessie E. Allen, Mr. L. E. Cruso, Mrs. C. E. Lewis, Mr. E. F. Brown, Miss G. B. Lewell, Mr. Charles F. M. Brown, Miss Julia F. Jones, Mr. Sam. Middleton, Mr. Wm. Gray, Miss G. B. Lewell, Prof. E. C. Williams, Mrs. J. A. and Miss Fannie Cromwell, Mr. H. E. Baker, Miss A. L. Wormley, Mr. H. C. Tyson, Mrs. R. A. Smith, Miss I. H. Lofton, Mr. Henry E. Baker, Mrs. Langston, Mr. L. B. Moore, Mr. J. C. Napier, Miss Bostonia, Prof. Geo. W. Cook and wife, Hon. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Dr. C. W. Childs, Mr. W. S. Duffield, Rev. O. L. Mitchell, Mr. F. D. Lee, Miss Ella E. Perry, Miss Fairfax Brown, Mrs. Quarles, of Charlottesville, Va., and Mr. McKenzie, of Columbia, Ohio.

It is firmly believed from the meeting, new interest will be taken and more will feel as the speakers so beautifully expressed, of the joy of losing one's self in helping others who are less fortunate than we.

Contributions were offered and refreshments served by Misses Cora Hawkins, Beatrice Ridgeley and A. L. Wormley, during which time an orchestra played.

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Important News Happenings of the Week

DEVOTED TO GENERAL INTEREST

(By Miss G. B. Maxfield.)

There are now no more territories, save our colonial possessions. The vast region from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Lakes to the Rio Grande, is one compact nation of States. Forty-eight in all, and comprising 3,000,000 square miles.

Dr. Booker T. Washington engaged a special car while traveling from Austin to Temple, Texas. It is said no one will accompany Dr. Washington on his 200 mile trip, so he and the porter will be the only occupants of the car.

L. Aldridge Lewis, a colored interne at the city hospital in Indianapolis, Ind., came out number one out of ninety-nine successful applicants who passed the examination of the State Board of Medical Registration. He received 947 out of a possible 1,000 points. He is a graduate from the Indiana University School of Medicine.

It has been decided by the War Department to discontinue the practice of raising the hat or cap when the flag passes the reviewing officer. Hereafter the flag will be saluted by the raised hand, as it is in all the other armies of the world.

Roscoe C. Simmons has resigned as editor-in-chief of the New York Age, to start a paper of his own in one of the large Southern cities, so the Charleston Advocate states.

The Illinois Chronicle thinks they just as well make Dr. E. C. Morris president of the National Baptist Convention, as this is his eighteenth year as president, and there seems to be no opposition to him.

Former Governor Joseph M. Brown, who was defeated for re-election of governor of Georgia by Gov. Hoke Smith, has announced his candidacy for the governorship to be made vacant when Gov. Smith resigns next month. This makes three avowed candidates in the field, the others being Judge R. B. Russell and J. Pope Brown.

A bronze tablet marking the birthplace of the late Confederate general "Stonewall" Jackson, was unveiled last Tuesday at Clarksburg, W. Va. Dr. James Powers Smith, the only surviving officer of Gen. Jackson's staff, delivered the principal address.

Miss Margaret Kelly, colored, who is connected with the Mint Bureau, is said to be the highest paid woman in the government employment. Her salary is \$3,000 per annum.

Miss Hazel Harrison, a young colored woman of Laporte, Ind., received a cablegram to come to Berlin, Germany, where an engagement awaits her, which will give her audience as a pianist before the crowned heads of Europe. This is said to be the first time a colored woman has been made the recipient of such an honor.

Prof. William H. J. Beckett has resigned his position as director of physical culture in the public schools in St. Louis, to accept a similar position at the colored Y. M. C. A. in this city. He comes well equipped for the work.

Rev. Simon P. Tillman has been awarded a bronze medal by the Massachusetts Humane Society for saving the life of a man whose clothing had caught fire. He also was given a lapel button bearing the name of the society.

After having examined over 250 witnesses, probing the lynching of Zack Walker, at Coatesville, Pa., indictments were found against four men, two of whom are policemen, who were released on \$2,000 bail each. Five boys were also indicted.

One thousand persons, representing fifty different races, met in London, England, attending "The Universal Race Congress" last July.

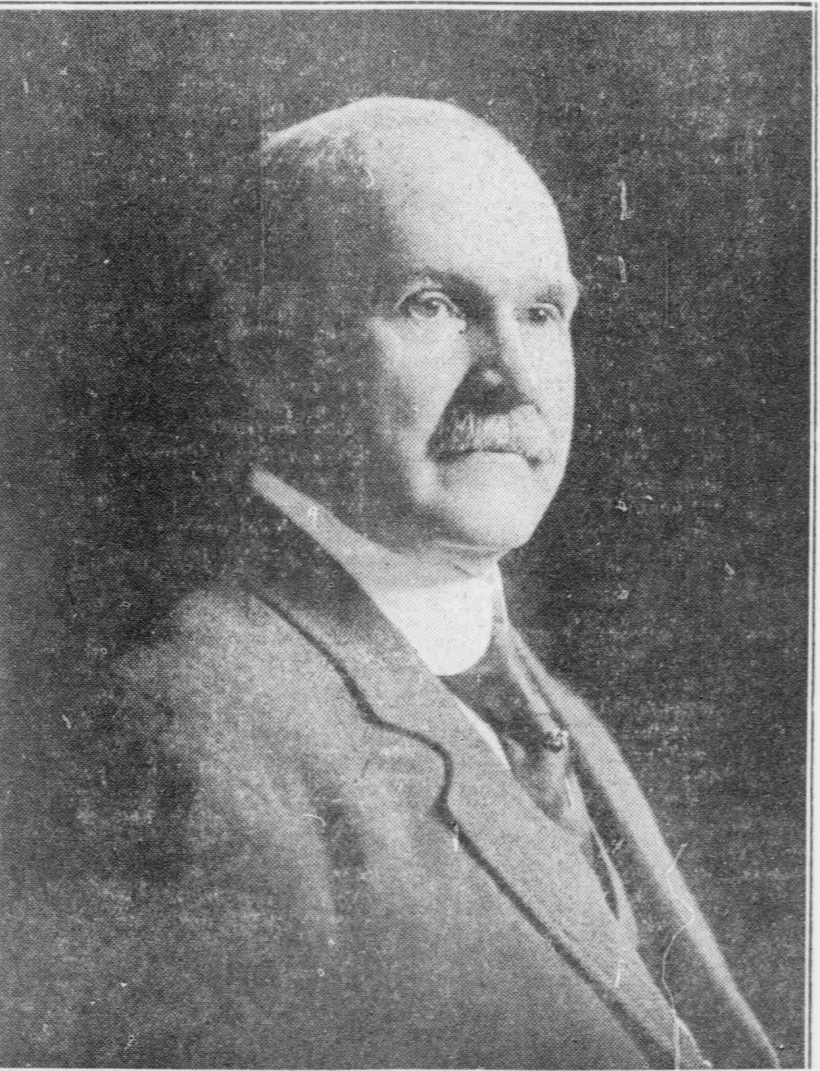
General Atenor Firmin, the Haitian leader and diplomat, died suddenly September 19th. For many years he had aspired for presidency.

The forty-fifth school year of Howard University opened last Wednesday; 1,500 students have already registered, making an increase of 10 per cent over last year. Besides the increase in the student body there are eight additional members of the faculty, making in all 150 instructors.

Attention has been called to the urgent needs of Freedman's Hospital, made necessary by the rapid growth of the institution during the past year. Congress is asked to appropriate \$25,000 for the erection of a building devoted exclusively to pathological work.

Mr. Gunnell.

Mr. J. C. Gunnell, of Jersey City, N. J., brother of Mr. R. H. Gunnell, of this city, has been appointed one of the supervisors of election in Bayonne, N. J., where he resides. He has been in politics in New Jersey for some time as chairman of the colored State convention. He was the only colored man to take the civil service examination and passed, which position he now holds. He married the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Bowie, one of the early residents of the Southwest. He is now in bad health, but his friends hope that he will improve, to enable him to continue with his work.



SUPT. W. M. DAVIDSON.